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**5th Grade Social Studies**

Quest Charter Academy

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Overview

5TH Grade Social Studies is a class designed to introduce, explore and develop an understanding of the events during the rich history of the United States. During this year, we will study,

* The First America’s
* World’s Meet
* Colonization and Conflict
* The Fight for Independence
* A New Nation
* Slavery and Emancipation
* The Nation Changes
* The Modern Era
* Our Neighbors in the Western Hemisphere

Through reading the textbook, primary source documents, and video pieces, students will be able to experience an introduction to US History.

### **Required Materials**

### To successfully complete this course, you will need:

* Writing Utensil (BLUE or BLACK pen or a pencil)
* 1.5”- 3 ring Binder with minimum 4 dividers
* Black and White Composition Notebook
* Loose leaf note paper
* Art supplies (crayons, markers, color pencils)

You will receive weekly updates via email on Monday of every week on what will be doing each day of that week on for each class in the 5th grade.

Due to the fact that students will not be taking textbooks home, they will have the opportunity to use the books after class, during their tutoring sessions that will be available 2 days a week for Social Studies and any time that Mr. Belin or Mrs. Springman are present in the building (definite hours 7:30am.-4:30).

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**General Rules:**

There are just a couple of rules that are required to be displayed in this classroom. We believe in classroom interaction and a learning environment that fosters to the learning of the classroom community.

Our class has 4 simple rules. They are:

1. Students will avoid doing anything that interferes with their learning or the learning of others.   
2. Students will come to class on time, prepared to work and study.   
3. Students will treat other people, other people's property, and school property with respect.   
4. Students will listen to and follow directions.

There are general rules throughout the school and the 5th grade team which are noted in the Student Handbook on page 11. If rules that are in alignment with the handbook as well as with the classroom are broken, consequences will be enforced.

**Consequences:**

* 1st time – warning
* 2nd time – another warning or move to another location in classroom for timeout depending on the situation.
* 3rd time – 40 minute detention and parent contact
* 4th time – student will be removed from the classroom and sent to the office.

**Classroom Grading Policies:**

·Homework: Class time is given as work time, but due to the length of the assignment and the effort the student puts forth during that work time, a student may have to take home the assignment in order to complete it on time. Homework is due at the **beginning** of each class. Students WILL NOT be able to call home in order for parents to bring homework to school. Students WILL NOT be able to go to the locker for homework.

·Late Work: Each Student will be given one pass for a late assignment per teacher per class per quarter. This pass will allow the student to get full credit on one late assignment if turned in by the next day. Once the pass is used, all other assignments will be graded according to the portion that is completed on the due date. Any assignment not turned in on the due date will be recorded as 0%.

·Absences: If a student is absent, it is the student’s responsibility to retrieve the work that was missed from the absent folder from their corresponding folder located next to the student mail boxes in the classroom. It is their responsibility to complete the work in the timeframe of 24 hours after the assignment is picked up/ the student returns from an absence. After 24 hours, the student will lose 5 points per day that the assignment is not turned in. After the 3rd day the student will receive a 0 points for the assignment.

Study Guides – Study Guides will be given at the end of each chapter to prepare the students for the required material being assessed. They will be graded on completion, and are usually worth between 40-50 points. Tests – Every test will be based on 100 points with possibility of additional credit earned. Alternative assessments could include such project activities of:

* Writing a constitution
* Developing arts through song or theatre presentation detailing an event
* Participating in mock trials
* Participate in mini Electronic Field Trips
* Many more opportunities for alternative assessment to come

Projects – Quest Charter Academy Social Studies Department will be developing projects for our students to take part. Throughout the year notifications will come home about exciting quarter projects which the students will take part in. For the 2010-2011 school year 5th grade Social Studies will participate in

* States research fair
* Cultures Fair
* Historical Electronic Field Trip
* Time and Place Event

Grading Scale

This is the grading scale that will be used throughout Quest Charter Academy. All grading that is done in this class will follow this policy with NO EXCEPTIONS!

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| 98-100 = A+ | 87-89 = B+ | 77-79 = C+ | 67-69 = D+ | 0-59 = F |
| 93-97 = A | 83-86 = B | 73-76 = C | 63-66 = D |  |
| 90-92 = A- | 80-82 = B- | 70-72 = C- | 60-62 = D- |  |

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